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## Sen. Hardiman commends area community organizations on receiving Proud Fathers-Proud Parents grant

**LANSING** – Sen. Bill Hardiman praised two local community-based organizations, the United Methodist House and the Salvation Army Teen Center in Grand Rapids, on receiving a share of \$980,000 in grants given out by the Michigan Department of Human Services last week.

"Strong healthy families are the bedrock of a strong community," said Hardiman, R-Kentwood. "I commend the efforts of our community organizations that work to build families and emphasize the importance of the relationship between children and their parents."

The grants were given for Proud Fathers-Proud Parents services in 19 counties across the state. Proud Fathers-Proud Parents are community support programs for fathers, male caretakers of children, married and unmarried couples alike to provide education and a foundation for a strong family relationship.

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